



SATURDAY EVENING, AUG. 17, 1907.

Officials in Washington whose duty it is to keep an eye on the big corporations to see they obey the law and who have of late been giving special attention to the matter of inter-corporate relations and control are watching with peculiar interest the present disturbances in Wall street. They have a very strong suspicion that the late slump in stocks has been brought about by an effort on the part of the big railroads to readjust their relations to one another and to the small roads in which they have obtained a preponderant interest, if not actual control, in the last 10 or 15 years. It is the theory of the officials that the big roads have come to the conclusion it is the part of wisdom for them to take time by the forelock and sever their stock-owning relations with roads that may be regarded as competitive, which relations are obnoxious to the spirit, if not the letter, of the Sherman law and clearly at variance with public sentiment. It is believed by many that the men in control of the big systems, forced to the conclusion that the only safe course for them to pursue is to yield to the law and to public opinion, for some time have been quietly disposing of their stocks in rival roads, this steady feeding of the Wall street market bringing about the present remarkable era of low prices. If this theory be correct, that fact will be shown in the next few months through the investigations of the Interstate Commerce Commission into the matter of inter-corporate relations of the roads.

CONSIDERABLE excitement was created in Buffalo, N. Y., banking circles yesterday when the Buffalo Savings Bank made the announcement that it would pay 4 per cent. instead of 3 1/2 per cent. the rate that has prevailed until now in all Buffalo banks and trust companies for about eight years. The action of the Buffalo Savings Bank was a complete surprise to all the other Buffalo banks. In making the announcement the secretary of the bank said that the bank last year earned \$253,000 over and above all expenses and that the deposits aggregated \$26,000,000. The directors concluded that rather than turn the earnings into the surplus and pay a high State tax they would give a large part of them to the depositors, in this case \$130,000 annually. It is believed other Buffalo banks will follow this lead and that the rate of interest paid by the banks in that city will be increased by many of those in other States. Money is now in greater demand than it has been for some years past.

KISSING BABIES is an antique trick of would-be public servants, but the latest enterprise is to wrap sugar kisses in miniature piece of paper bearing poetry concerning candidates instead of the love ditties of old. One of the competitors for legislative honors from this district has adopted this method of bringing his candidacy to the attention of voters. The sugar-kisses are probably to be distributed after the osculatory acts of the candidate toward such specimens of the infantile creation as are presented to him. The result of this mode of electioneering is awaited with interest.

A YOUNG BEAR gained his freedom from a shed in which he had been confined at Long Island City yesterday, and, in imitating "Jack the Huggler," started out on an embracing tour. He endeavored to hug a Polish servant girl and later attempted to throw his paws around a bulldog. The dog resented the familiarity in such a way that the bear had to be shot when the dog was through with him. Bruin will now be stuffed and put in the window of a saloon in Long Island City.

DESPITE fines, heavy legal costs, etc., the Standard Oil Company keeps on dauntlessly paying dividends. So far this year it has paid \$30 a share, the same as last year. So long as it holds secure the taxing power inherent in its control of the oil supply it can pay its fines and its dividends and maintain its accustomed serenity.

From Washington.
[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, Aug. 17.—With regard to the report that a definite agreement has been reached between this country and Great Britain concerning the New Foundland fisheries which will enable the American fishermen to pursue their vacation without trouble from the New Foundland government during the present season, it was stated at the State Department today that the matter has not yet reached that stage. The negotiations are proceeding amicably, with the every appearance that they will be soon concluded satisfactorily, but the final agreement has not yet been made. The prospects are also favorable for the conclusion of a general treaty between England and the United States covering all fishing questions between this country and Canada and New Foundland, which will obviate the necessity of making a separate modus vivendi for each fishing season.

Awards for the construction of four-

teen steam shovels for use on the Panama Canal have been made by the Isthmian Canal Commission. Seven are to be furnished by the Bucyrus Co., of South Milwaukee, Wis., at \$9,680 each; and seven by the Marion Steam Shovel Co., of Marion, O., at \$10,037.50 each. The object of dividing the award is to give an opportunity to test the merits of the Marion shovels, all those now in use having been supplied by the Bucyrus Company.

Rear Admiral Dayton, commanding the first division of the Pacific fleet, reports to the Navy Department that he arrived at Yokohama today. After calling he will sail for Honolulu next Thursday. The fact that the ships were to remain in Japanese waters nearly a week longer, indicates that the Navy Department is not at all apprehensive for their safety, or fearful that insults will be offered, on account of the anti-American agitation in that country.

The Atlantic battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Evans will begin its battle exercises August 25th. These maneuvers will extend all down the coast from New England to the southern district of the Virginia Capes.

Commissioner of Labor Neill arrived in Washington this afternoon from Chicago. He declined to discuss the telegraphers' strike situation. It is expected that he will go to New York tonight or to-morrow, and that he will consult with the President at Oyster Bay.

Three additional cases of yellow fever in Cuba were reported to the War Department today.

AFTER THE GRAFTERS.

Both criminal and civil proceedings against all persons concerned in the fraudulent transactions in connection with the construction and furnishing of Pennsylvania's \$13,000,000 Capitol are recommended in the final report of the Capitol investigation commission made to Governor Stuart yesterday.

Eighteen persons are named in the report as being involved in one way or another in the irregular transactions, and the Attorney General, through the Governor, is urged to act at once.

The name of Governor Pennypacker, who by virtue of his office was a member of the board of public grounds and buildings which let the furnishing contracts, and those of former Governor Stone and his associates, who made up the commission which constructed the Capitol, are not mentioned in the list of persons against whom the investigators recommended that action be taken.

The commission says that it was able to ascertain by testimony that goods costing \$1,574,399 were sold to the State by Sanderson and the Pennsylvania Construction Company for \$6,434,748, a profit of \$4,860,349.

BENTON'S WOODS MEETING.

The fiftieth annual camp meeting of the Loudoun Association began yesterday at Benton's Woods, near Middleburg, and will continue until August 28. The meetings are under the auspices of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church, and are conducted by Rev. E. V. Regester, of the Alexandria district, assisted by Rev. John E. Brown, of Missouri; Rev. J. W. Duffy, of Winchester, and other ministers of the Conference. August 26 is set apart for a reunion of Confederate soldiers, and addresses are expected to be delivered on that day to the veterans by Senator John W. Daniel, Rev. J. William Jones, D. D.; Dr. James Powell Smith, an aid to General Jackson; Rev. J. W. Duffy, D. D., and Elder Dalton.

YACHT BURNED.

Sailing from Manteo, N. C., to Nags Head, yesterday, with a jolly party of pleasure-seekers aboard, the yacht Edna May, Capt. White, was burned to the water's edge. Miss Cora Midgett, one of the party, sprang into the water to escape the flames and was drowned. A negro member of the crew was perhaps fatally burned in attempting to put out the flames. The remaining members of the pleasure party and crew were rescued by a negro in a sail boat and taken to Nags Head. The Edna May carried a gasoline engine, and the gasoline tank is supposed to have exploded. Miss Midgett jumped into the water when the explosion occurred. The negro arrived in the sail boat five minutes later.

WHISKY TAXES IMMENSE.

Two districts in the corn belt contributed, as usual, the largest amount of internal revenue to the government during the last fiscal year. The largest revenue receipts from these districts was due entirely to the manufacture of whisky. The Fifth Illinois district, of which Peoria is the center, contributed to the federal treasury \$35,577,448 in taxes on corn whisky, and the Seventh Indiana turned in \$18,370,191. Kentucky, where the rye whisky industry predominates, took a high place as usual, the Fifth district alone yielding \$15,654,191 in internal revenue taxes. The total internal revenue receipts of the government from all sources during the last fiscal year were \$269,664,922.

NO SUNDAY OPENING.

The Exposition grounds will not be opened to visitors on Sundays as Director-General Barr hoped to have them. Mr. John H. Edwards, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and members of the Government Exposition Board were there yesterday and advised that it would be impossible to open the gates on Sunday, as the Jamestown Exposition Company signed a contract with the government agreeing not to do so when the last exposition appropriation was made by Congress. It was a condition of the appropriation, Mr. Edwards explained, and that it was not within the power of the Government Exposition Board or any officer to abrogate that agreement.

PREFERRED JAIL TO WIFE.

Chas. J. Phister, a Philadelphia, went to jail at Atlantic City yesterday to escape his wife, who, he declared, had made his seashore visit unbearable by heading him off from every sort of pleasure, even to forbidding him being served with drinks in Broadwalk third parlors. The man appeared at the police station early yesterday evening, and preferred his request that he be placed in a cell, accompanying the demand with another that she be locked outside. The woman told the police that she had only stock close to her husband to prevent his accumulating a seashore jag, which she declared to be one of his weaknesses, and went away, apparently satisfied, when she had heard the key turn in his cell.

News of the Day.

Nine persons are suffering from severe injuries today as the result of two automobile accidents in New York.

An unknown man leaped into the upper rapid from Prospect Park at Niagara Falls last night. He was swept over the American Falls.

The home of Mrs. Mary McDonald, a widow residing alone in Montgomery, Ind., was wrecked by dynamite at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, and Mrs. McDonald was so badly injured that she may die. There is no known motive for the outrage, and no clue to the perpetrator has been secured.

The Boston telegraphers made a new move against the companies today, when they announced their intention of compelling to the State police against the employment of women in the local telegraph exchanges. They charge that women operators are worked over hours and at times forbidden by the State labor law.

An appeal to Washington is to be made by John Buglar, a wealthy Wall street New York broker, against the military authorities of Fort Wadsworth on the charge that they are protecting from the arrest three soldiers who Buglar claims, while in full uniform held him up last night, assaulted him and Mrs. Buglar and robbed them of valuables.

After being insanely jealous of his wife for thirty years, ever since their marriage, Valentine Hess, a barber, of Seaside, L. I., today shot her three times and killed himself. It is believed that the woman is mortally wounded. The three grown daughters of the couple were in the house at the time. It is said that there has never been a suspicion against Mrs. Hess.

New York is in serious danger of a milk famine and every effort is being made to keep up the supply until after the hot weather, as thousands of babies and sick ones among the poor are practically dependent upon the milk man for their lives. Parched fields, following the drought, and lack of good feed for cattle in the surrounding country has brought about a serious situation.

That the Tammany society has voted a new mortgage on the Fourteenth street wigwag to raise funds for the coming primary election is bitterly denied by leaders of the organization. Politicians laugh at the sedition, however. They say Tammanyites realize that they have a hard fight ahead if they expect to beat Mayor McClellan and many sources have hitherto contributed liberally to their campaign fund, are now closed against them.

As Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of State, was on his way to Castle Gandolfo, Italy, Thursday evening, he was surrounded, as he was passing through Marino, by an anti-clerical mob and insulted and assaulted. An inspector of police and others hastened to the spot, and prevented the cardinal from being injured. One policeman was seriously wounded in the fracas. The outrage is considered the beginning of an organized anti-clerical campaign, and the police precautions have been increased.

Col. Hariam Parks Bell, the last surviving member of the Second Confederate Congress, died at his home at Atlanta yesterday, aged 81 years. He was a prominent secessionist, and went with his State. He enlisted as a private, rose to the rank of colonel, and was desperately wounded at the battle of Chickasaw Bayou in 1862. After the war he was elected to the United States Congress. He always favored disfranchisement of the negro, and, although dying, he said "thank God," when told that the Georgia legislature had this week barred the negro.

The tragic death of Philip Partridge, aged twenty-four, son of Rev. Dr. Warren P. Partridge, of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the largest Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, has ended a pretty romance that was to have terminated in marriage within a few weeks. Partridge, together with his fiancée, Miss Alice Minard, were spending their vacation at Kennebunk, Me. On Thursday night they learned of the great fire at Old Orchard, Me., and started to drive to the scene. While so doing the rig was struck by a Boston and Maine train, near the outskirts of Kennebunk. Partridge was killed instantly, and Miss Minard received serious injuries.

CLAIM RATE LAW CONFISCATORY.

George E. Evans, fourth vice president of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and Russell Harding, former vice president of the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville Railroad, were witnesses yesterday in New York before the master in chancery appointed by Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, to take testimony in the injunction suit that has been brought by the Southern Railway Company in its fight with North Carolina against the 2-1-4 cent passenger rate.

Both witnesses were called as experts by the Southern's lawyers, and they corroborated the Southern's contention that the railroad's local or intra-state traffic costs considerably more than the average cost of all traffic. It is on this contention that the Southern relies mainly in its allegation that the new rate law is confiscatory. The railroad lawyers argue that any rate fixed by the State for local traffic must be based solely on the earnings from the local traffic, and not on the combined earnings from local and through traffic.

In answer to Wall street's charge that he is treating lightly the great financial and industrial enterprises of the country, Attorney General Bonaparte has made plain that he is not to be swayed from his purpose of proceeding against illegal combinations of capital by criticism from any source.

Shortage of Cashier.

New York, Aug. 17.—Charged with a \$12,000 shortage in his accounts, Robert H. Gill, cashier of the Stapleton, S. I., National Bank, is under arrest according to an announcement made today by the bank authorities.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 17.—The market made a fair show of strength for a time after the opening decline and then remained quiet for a short interval, when renewed selling appeared and the downward movement started which was in full swing at the end of the first hour. The selling of several stocks caused renewed raids around the room and prices generally yielded from 1 to 2 points before another rally occurred. This came just after the end of the hour. Some covering of shorts and a little support caused fractional recoveries.

The Market.

Georgetown, Aug. 17.—Wheat 75a78.

Virginia News.

The Fredericksburg city council has voted \$1 gas for that city, beginning October 1. The present price is \$1.25 per 1,000 feet.

The vestry of Grace Episcopal Church Lynchburg, has extended a call to Rev. E. R. Carter, of Boynton, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. Dr. J. J. Lloyd, now archdeacon of the diocese.

Miss Linnie Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Payne, of Orleans, Fauquier county, and John Randolph Smythe, a prominent young business man of Westover, W. Va., were married Wednesday in the country home of the bride's parents at that place.

Miss Belle M. Cochran, daughter of George M. Cochran, of Frederick county, was married yesterday evening to Warner R. Shepard, of Winchester. The ceremony was performed at Kernstown by Rev. Henry M. White, pastor of Opequon Memorial Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woolford, of Lovettsville, Loudoun county, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Olive Woolford, to Prof. D. G. Cooley, a prominent educator of Front Royal. The wedding will take place September 3 at 10 o'clock near Lovettsville.

Gen. Scott Shipp, formerly superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, left New York today for a trip of some months to be spent in Europe. He will spend much of his time in London. He expects to return home via the Philippines, where his son, Lieut. Arthur M. Shipp, is now stationed.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway will make no fight against the 2-cent passenger rate decreed by the State corporation commission of Virginia. No official announcement has been made as yet, but the road is preparing to put the new tariff into effect without any effort to thwart the purpose of the State.

Jacob Talley, the 19-year-old son of J. P. Talley, the senior member of the Roanoke police force, was shot and fatally wounded Thursday night by Warren Armentrout, aged 25. The men quarreled about a dog belonging to Talley, and when Talley struck Armentrout the latter shot Talley in the abdomen, inflicting what the doctors pronounced a mortal wound. Talley is in a hospital, and Armentrout is in jail.

Luther S. Walker died at his residence in Woodstock on Friday morning of nervous prostration and brain trouble, aged fifty years. He is survived by his wife and two children, Luther S. Walker, Jr., and Arlean Walker, besides his mother, Mrs. Mary Zirkle, of Woodstock, and brother, Robert J. Walker, of Mount Jackson. Mr. Walker was a prominent republican worker, and was a Royal Arch Mason, Knight of Pythias, and a member of other secret organizations.

KILLED AT A FIRE.

Through the collapse of a section of the fifth floor in the warehouse occupied by the Grotjan-Lobe Co. and N. B. Lobe & Co., at 305 and 307 West Baltimore street, Baltimore, yesterday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock, following a fire in the structure several hours before, one fireman was killed and 14 others were injured. The dead man was George Edward Gill, aged 48, tillerman of No. 4 Truck Company. He leaves a wife and five children.

The collapse came a long time after the firemen had extinguished a serious blaze, which broke out shortly before 1 o'clock, and which burned fiercely for many hours, being fed by rolls of matting, boxes of shoes, clothing and other inflammable material stored on the fourth and fifth floors of the building.

About 50 men from two engine and two truck companies, and men of the Salvage Corps, were at work on the fifth floor cleaning up the debris, when, without an instant's warning, the floor sank under them. The rolls of water-soaked matting, the heavy boxes of goods and a mass of general debris crashed through the fourth floor, carrying a large section of that floor on the west side of the building through to the third floor, and precipitating nearly all the firemen to that floor.

All but fifteen escaped without a scratch. Several who escaped injury were pulled out of the debris by companions, but 15, including Gill, who lost his life, were fastened in and could not be extricated for a time. That more of the men were not killed or seriously injured is considered remarkable.

The damage caused by the fire will reach \$75,000.

ANXIETY IN CUBA.

The whole island of Cuba was in a state of excitement yesterday on account of continuous petty rebellions in several sections.

A sensation was caused yesterday morning when the authorities learned that a careful plot had been laid for a general uprising on August 19. Gangs of from five to 50 men have organized in various parts of the island, armed themselves and taken to the woods, according to reports constantly coming in.

It was discovered that all the bands have been ordered by some unknown leader to delay depredations until the day set for the general uprising, when it is planned to start rebellious bushwhacking warfare from one end of the island to the other.

The authorities are unable to determine whether the movement is of such definite organization as to contemplate an effort to establish a serious revolution with the ultimate purpose of gaining control of the government. Owners of plantations and all big property interests in the island are greatly disturbed by the reports, and it is feared heavy property loss will result if the desperadoes really make a concerted attack.

In some sections it is said armed bands already have seized provisions and articles desired for their comfort in the woods.

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"I want to say a few words for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used this preparation in my family for the past five years and have recommended it to a number of people in York county and have never known it to fail to effect a cure in any instance. I feel that I can not say too much for the best remedy of the kind in the world."—S. J. JAMESON, Spring Grove, York county, Pa. This remedy is for sale by Gibson & Timberman and W. F. Oughton & Co.

Today's Telegraphic News.

Ultimatum to General Drude. Casablanca, Morocco, Aug. 17.—An ultimatum has been sent to General Drude, commanding the foreign forces, by the Kabyle tribes demanding the immediate surrender of the town. Failure to comply will result in a general attack by Arabs in great force. The town will be destroyed and all the French put to death.

General Drude has as yet sent no answer to the ultimatum.

Tangier, Aug. 17.—The loss of his throne may be the price the Sultan of Morocco will pay for the present uprising throughout this country. While so far the agitation has been directed to driving out all foreigners, it is expected to culminate in a united effort to overthrow the Sultan. It is the fear of such an attempt, it is reported here, that has caused the palace guards at Fez to be greatly strengthened and led to all the consulates there being placed under military protection. Several aspirants to the throne are known to be perfecting arrangements to seize the coveted prize if the opportunity presents itself.

Paris, Aug. 17.—Tribesmen from every part of Morocco are being summoned for a general battle with the French and Spanish occupants of Morocco. This is the alarming news reaching here today. The word was brought by fugitives from other towns who are arriving at Casablanca.

In response to the call, tribesmen are reported to be hurrying toward Casablanca by the hundreds. It is expected that an army of 20,000 natives will be recruited before the heralded attack is made.

Gen. Drude, commanding the forces at Casablanca, has manifested no fear of his ability to defeat any force that may be sent against him. With the arrival of the Spanish reinforcement he now has 35,000 men.

He considers his position impregnable. Eighteen guns have been mounted on the defenses, commanding the approaches from every direction, controlling all the heights. General Drude says no Moorish force can approach within 20,000 yards without being discovered.

"Even if we are attacked on all sides at once we will still have nothing to fear" is the way he summarizes the situation.

So confident is the commander that he does not believe another general attack will be made on the city despite the call of the Moors for a general assault.

The Telegraphers' Strike.

New York, Aug. 17.—Repeated charges that the telegraph companies are defrauding the public by accepting telegraph tolls for messages and then sending them by mail, express and telephone, were made by the officials of the telegraphers' union today. Officials of the company would reply to such charges only by saying they are utterly untrue.

In the meantime, the strategy board, composed of Messrs. Small, Russell, Quick and Perham, are going ahead today with their plans for a test of strength between the telegraphers and telegraph companies. Commissioner Neill will explain the Chicago situation to President Roosevelt today and at the same time Gompers will confer with the executive board of the national labor organization. As a result of these two important conferences it is expected that a board will soon be appointed to discuss settlement terms.

President Samuel Gompers' report to the national executive council of the American Federation of Labor will recommend among other things the endorsement of the strike by the 2,500,000 organized workers of the United States and the acceptance of the working alliance with Canadian telegraphers, and a proposal to vote strike funds of \$1,000,000 to be held in reserve until a national strike assessment may be made in the ranks of all affiliated unions, the total amount to be determined by the liberality of the various unions.

At the general offices of the Western Union the statement that the strike is over and that therefore there are no developments in the situation was reiterated.

"We are having no trouble, whatever," said Supt. Brooks. "The business is moving as usual. We have more men than we need."

Vice President Nally of the Postal said the strike conditions were continually improving, and that the only place where there was any difficulty was in the South.

New York, Aug. 17.—It was announced at the headquarters of the local telegraphers union this afternoon that plans have been completed for a ninety days campaign against the companies.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—President Small has issued an order for a closed shop to apply in every broker's office in the country.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—The telegraphers' strike has reached as far as Havana, President Small today received a cablegram from the Cuban city signed by the president of the local union there asking for instructions. Small immediately sent a reply ordering the operators in Havana to walk out. The number that will be involved is not known here.

Chaplin Jones.

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 17.—Chaplain Harry W. Jones, of the United States navy, convicted of several violations of the naval regulations and sentenced to dismissal from the service, is reported prostrated by the court-martial's verdict and refuses to see any one or give out a statement concerning the case. The testimony in the Jones case introduced in support of charges of financial irregularities involving the utterance of worthless checks and the issuance of notes not honored on maturity was finished August 12. There were seven specifications. Jones was severely examined by the judge-advocate and pleaded guilty on several specifications. The decision of the court-martial has yet to be reviewed by the navy department which has the power of mitigating the penalty.

Jersey's Giant Is Dead.

Burlington, N. J., Aug. 17.—Frederick Peter, New Jersey's tallest councilman, died at his home here yesterday, aged 57, after an illness of several months. He stood six feet seven inches in height, and allied German societies of New Jersey, Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania presented him with a gold-headed cane a few years ago as a distinction for his being the biggest native German in the four States.

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value. Special..... 21c

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and lace ankle; double sole, spliced heel.

Special..... 50c

Ladies' Fine Gauze Lisle Hose; black

and white; double sole, spliced heel, garter

top; 50c value. Special..... 39c

HOSIERY PRICES REDUCED.

Wife Forgiveness.

Boston, Aug. 17.—Brookline society was amazed today to learn that John R. Perry has forgiven his beautiful wife who on June 6 eloped to Europe with Wilson S. Belches, a fascinating young man who left his own wife to flee with the Brookline society woman. Mrs. Perry, according to the latest report, is now on her way to New York where her husband will receive her and bring her back to her home in Brookline where two small children await her return. A few days ago the repentant wife cabled that she was cured of her infatuation and asked forgiveness. Mr. Perry immediately wired her to return. Belches also is said to have asked his wife to take him back, but she has refused and is planning for a divorce.

The Smith-Nichols Wedding.

New York, Aug. 17.—A tour of the world, it is stated today, will be the honeymoon trip of Charles Emory Smith and his bride to be, Miss Nettie Nichols, whose engagement was announced today. Miss Nichols is the daughter of Mrs. Washington Romaine Nichols. Mr. Smith has been a widower for several years. He is editor of the Philadelphia Press and a prominent republican politician, having been minister to St. Petersburg and Postmaster General in the McKinley and Roosevelt administrations. The marriage is expected to take place in October at the summer home of the Nichols at Elberon, N. J.

Woman and Child Murdered.

Homer, La., Aug. 17.—Declaring they will turn him at the stake several large posers are searching today for the man who murdered Mrs. John Bona and her five-year-old boy James yesterday. The murderer approached Mrs. Bona's house, pushed aside the curtain at a window and fired both barrels of a shot gun, loaded with buckshot at the woman and her child. Both died almost instantly. Mrs. Bona's husband died about a year ago and she lived with her father, J. T. Smith. She was a beautiful woman and was much admired.

Fire in Brooklyn.

New York, Aug. 17.—Fire which started shortly after 8 o'clock this morning has caused a \$400,000 loss so far to the De Haven Cork Factory, 52 and 54 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. At 9:45 the fire was still blazing fiercely and several other business houses and factories are threatened. A number of fire rescues were made by the firemen, and police. It is said to be one of the most serious blazes in the downtown section of Brooklyn since the Academy of Music fire in 1903.

Deaths from Old Orchard Fire.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 17.—Three deaths have already resulted from the fire which wiped out the famous beach and resort and another is expected today. Last night Philip Perrault died at the Biddeford Hospital from injuries received in the explosion of the same soda tank that instantly killed Domick Lebreque, of Portland. The fourth death, that of Rev. Rufus H. Jones, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church of Saco, is expected at any moment.

Fake Interview.

New York, Aug. 17.—Former Judge Livett, of the Union Pacific Railroad, announced today that he had just received a telegram from E. H. Harriman, who is now in San Francisco, stating that the interview attributed to him yesterday at Reno, Nev., was manufactured out of whole cloth.

Anniversary of the Use of Steam.

New York, Aug. 17.—With a roar like thunder, more than five thousand great steam whistles were sounded about New York and Brooklyn from exactly 1 o'clock